

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Strengthening Resilience in Eastern Caribbean Communities

The Inter-American Foundation (IAF) is pleased to announce a call for proposals for the Eastern Caribbean region focusing on disaster mitigation and resilience. As evidenced by the 2019 hurricane season, natural disasters and their aftermath pose an extreme threat to livelihoods in the region impacting food security, public health, and tourism, among other issues. The IAF is committed to advancing the U.S.- Caribbean Resilience Partnership and supporting Eastern Caribbean islands in disaster resilience.



Eligibility Criteria

- Diverse array of community voices in project development and execution;
- Substantial community engagement in:
 - Identification of the problem to be addressed
 - Approach chosen to solve it
 - Design of the project
 - Management, monitoring and evaluation of activities
- Counterpart contributions from the proponent, the beneficiaries and/or other sources;
- Potential to generate learning and measurable results;
- Headquartered in the Eastern Caribbean.

Proposals will not be considered if they are:

- Presented or directed by government entities
- From individuals;
- From groups that do not contribute financial or in-kind resources to the proposed activities;
- Associated with political parties or partisan movements;
- Purely religious or sectarian activities; or
- Solely for construction and/or equipment.

Date for applications



Grant applications must be submitted by February 1, 2020 to proposals@iaf.gov with a copy to mdolan@iaf.gov and schambers@iaf.gov with "Call for Proposals: Eastern Caribbean" in the subject line. Please use the attached form to submit your proposal. For more information visit our [grants page](#). Applicants will be notified by February 15, 2020 regarding their selection status.



Funding per Project between

US\$ 50,000-400,000

FAQs:

- 1. What do we mean by resilience?** Resilience is the ability of communities to respond, withstand, and bounce back quickly from natural disasters. Activities may include, but are not limited to: working with small farmers to adapt their planting patterns; training community leaders on safeguarding their water systems and protecting local watersheds; or providing the necessary tools for community-based organizations to collaborate with their municipalities on disaster preparedness planning.
- 2. What percentage of the total grant can fund overhead (administration, professional fees, operational expenses, salaries and materials)?** In general, the IAF does not fund proposals that request more than 50 percent in overhead expenses. The lower the overhead, the more competitive the proposal.
- 3. Can IAF grants include salaries?** Salaries are a legitimate expense.
- 4. What percentage is expected in counterpart funding?** Counterpart funding must be a component of the budget for the proposed project, but no minimum amount is required. Higher counterpart funding makes a proposal more attractive. Counterpart may be in cash donations or in kind, including, but not limited to, land, supplies, infrastructure, labor, and office, storage and meeting space.
- 5. What administrative expenses may be included in the proposed budget?** Allowable administrative expenses include operations, rent, utilities, insurance, salaries, office equipment and supplies and other costs listed on the proposed budget form in the budget section of our [grants page](#).
- 6. My organization has a field office in the country where the project will take place but our main office is located elsewhere, will our proposal be considered?** Yes, your field office may submit a proposal and any contributions from the main office may be included as counterpart for the grant.



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